

Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB 239

Chairperson: Jim Jensen

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2003

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 239 is introduced at the request of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support to establish a resource test to be used in determining eligibility for the state's poverty level (FPL) Medicaid children's programs. Such programs include: (1) pregnant women and infants (up to 150% of FPL), (2) children ages 1-5 (up to 133% FPL), (3) children ages 6-18 (up to 100% FPL), and (4) pregnant women and children under 19 under the Title XXI (up to 185% FPL). Resources, or assets, are items of personal or real property that are cash or can be converted to cash and be used for the recipient's medical needs.

Principal Introducer:	
_	Senator Jim Jensen